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PWs from Yugoslavia were shipped to Leipzig and released early in December 1946. It is estimated that 70,000 still remain in Yugoslavia.

2. An indoctrination school for German PWs is located in Zemun. Candidates are proposed by camp leaders on the basis of their political past and the interest manifested during indoctrination hours at the various enclosures. PWs up to the age of twenty-five attend a three week course; older men are schooled for one week.

3. Upon completion of the course, the younger men are returned to their camps to indoctrinate other PWs, while the older ones are transferred to Leipzig under Yugoslav guard and released there. Before their departure for Germany, the graduates are required to sign a statement pledging that they will work for the ideals and goals of the Communist Party. In class, they are urged to join the SED and to propagandize their friends and fellow workers in Germany.

4. The main lecture topics at the Zemun school include: the Yugoslav fight for freedom, Western imperialism, the October Revolution, and the history of the KPD in Germany.

5. The lectures were delivered by the following personalities:

Otto Pinkert, German PW, now released.

Major Krauss, Yugoslav Army.

(fnu) Bloch, representative of the Repatriation Office at the Berlin Zentralverwaltung.

(fnu) Pfrister, former KPD Reichstagabgeordneter.

(fnu) Karafiak, (phonetic spelling), a Czech who had served in the Yugoslav Army.

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